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Ms. Cora Currier  
55 Broadway, 23rd Floor  
New York, NY 10006

Dear Ms. Currier,

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for any documents related to condolence or solatia payments in U.S. direct actions in Yemen which would include any procedural guidelines for such payments, budget data for such payments, and any records of payments made, or any other reference.

A thorough and good-faith search was conducted and 33 pages were located. After a thorough review, I have determined the information is exempt from release in its entirety. The withheld information is exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(1) applying Executive Order 13526, Classified National Security Information, sections 1.4 (a) military plans, operations, and weapons systems; 1.4 (c) intelligence activities. Additional information is withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(3) as it relates to 10 U.S.C. 130b, personnel in overseas, sensitive or routinely deployable units, (b)(5) inter/intra agency records (which includes the deliberative process privilege, the attorney work product privilege, and attorney client communications, and (b)(6) military phone numbers and information that would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Accordingly, in my capacity as the Initial Denial Authority, by withholding this information, I am fully denying your request. There are no fees for processing this request since chargeable cost fell below \$15. If you are not satisfied with this action, you may appeal to the appellate authority, the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense. To submit your appeal, please write directly to the Defense Freedom of Information Policy Office, Attn: Mr. James Hogan, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-1155. Please postmark your appeal within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter, cite USCENTCOM case #13-0177, and clearly mark "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" on your appeal letter.

If you have any questions regarding your inquiry, please contact my FOIA Requester Service Center at (813) 827-1810, [foiaoffice@centcom.mil](mailto:foiaoffice@centcom.mil), and refer to case #13-0177.

Sincerely,

KARL R. HORST  
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